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- 1. SUMMARY: HUNGARIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 20
 RECEIVED REPORTS ON ECONOMICS BY KAROLY NEMETH AND ON
 FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY ARPAD PULLAI. IN ADDITION SOME
 PERSONNEL CHANGES WERE ANNOUNCED. THERE WERE NO
 ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EITHER ITS
 SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUSIONS OR PERSONNEL CHANGES, ALTHOUGH CURIOUSLY
 WE HAVE NO TRACES ON BERECA, GROSZ, OR KAMARA. END SUMMARY
- 2. ISTVAN KATONA WAS CHANGED FROM HEAD OF CC'S AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA GROUP TO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF NEPSZABADSAG AND REPLACED IN FORMER POSITION BY KAROLY GROSZ. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KATONA IS AN INTIMATE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KADAR WHO IS A TRUSTED AND AUTHORITATIVE SPOKESMAN FOR HIS

POLICIES. IN HIS OLD POSITION HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY GUIDANCE TO HUNGARIAN MEDIA. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IS DIVIDED IN TWO. HAROLY

POLINSZKY, THE PRESENT MINISTER, BECOMES MINISTER OF EDUCATION; AND LASZLO ORBAN, THE PRESENT DEPUTY, BECOMES MINISTER OF CULTURE. WE PRESUME CHANGE IS RELATED TO INCREASED EMPHASIS RAISING EDUCATIONAL LEVEL GE WORKERS FROM LAST SESSION AND TO ACZEL'S NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN GOVT. KAROLY RODONYIN S APPOINTED MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND POSTAL AFFAIRS. HE WAS THE FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER. SANDOR RACZ, DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WAS TRANSFERRED TO VICE PREMIER BORBANDI'S OLD POSITION AS HEAD OF CC'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION AND REPLACED BY JANOS KAMARA. JANOS BERECZ NAMED HEAD OF CC FOREIGN AFFAIRS GROUP. WE HAVE NO DATA READILY AVAILABLE ON HIM.

- 3. SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE WERE FAIRLY STANDARD. NO SURPRISES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND SATISFACTION EXPRESSED ON ECONOMIC MATTERS WITH NO INDICATIONS OF NEW TRENDS IN POLICIES. PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF INTEREST FOLLOW:
- 4. COMMUNIQUE FORMALLY SUPPORTS CONVOCATION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE AND SUPPORTS IDEA OF WORLD CONFERENCE "WHEN IT BECOMES TIMELY."
- 5. FOREIGN POLICY SECTION STATES DETENTE PROCESS CONTINUES TO GROW STRONGER WITH SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS OF DECISIVE IMPORTANCE. IT CALLS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CSCE WITH PHASE THREE SIGNATURES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND WITH THE VAGUE TIMINGS STATEMENT OF "THE SOONER THE BETTER."
- 6. RE VIETNAM CC QUOTE DECIDEDLY CONDEMNS THE AGGRESSIVE ACTS DESIGNED TO PREVENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS BY THE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST SUPPORTED SAIGON REGIME. UNQUOTE. SAYS THAT IN SPITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF UNJUST ACCUSATIONS AND PROVOCATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST GOH AND ICCS IT WILL CONTINUE TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SPIRIT OF PARIS AGREEMENTS.

7. ON MIDDLE EAST, COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR TROOP SEPARATION AGREEMENT WERE ACHEIVED BY SYRIA DUE TO CLOSE COOPERATION WITH SOVIET UNION AND OTHER POPULAR FORCES. NO MENTION

OF US ROLE AT ALL.

8. ECONOMIC SECTION EVALUATES FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF
74, LIKE PREVIOUS YEAR, AS ONE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
QUOTE BALANCED, FAVORABLE AND ACCORDING TO PLAN.
UNQUOTE. SAYS CONTINUED EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC TIES REMAINS IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE, INCLUDING
TRADE WITH CAPITALIST AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AT
THE SAME TIME COMMUNIQUE STRESSES CONTINUED NECESSITY
FOR MEASURES TO PROTECT ECONOMY FROM NEGATIVE EFFECTS
OF WESTERN INFLATION, ENERGY CRISES AND RAW MATERIALS
SHORTAGES.
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